

Information on Continuing Education for Professional Sanitarians in Texas

Below you will find information on how to obtain the continuing education hours required for renewal of your registration as a Professional Sanitarian in Texas. Each category lists the type of certificate that you should keep on file in case of audit. You will not be required to submit copies of certificates when you renew unless you are selected for audit. For complete details, please read the rules 25 TAC §265.147 "Continuing Education Requirements".

Pre-approved courses - other state or federal agencies

A certificate listing your name and the contact hours earned is acceptable if the subject matter of a course is appropriate for Sanitarian continuing education AND it has been approved by one of the following organizations:

TEXAS AGENCIES

Texas Department of Agriculture
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
Texas Structural Pest Control Board

US AGENCIES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Department of Labor (Occupational Safety and Health Administration)
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Pre-approved courses - sponsored by the Texas Department of Health

A certificate listing your name and the contact hours earned AND the statement "Sponsored by the Texas Department of Health" is acceptable if the subject matter of a course is appropriate for Sanitarian continuing education. You must have signed in on a roster on the day of the course and received a certificate with your name printed on it as well as the number of contact hours approved by TDH.

Pre-approved courses - reviewed and approved by the TDH Professional Sanitarian Registration Program

A certificate listing your name and the contact hours earned AND the statement "Approved for Sanitarian Continuing Education in Texas" is acceptable. A list of these courses is available on the Sanitarian Registration Program website.

Non-approved courses - submitted by you for credit

If you complete any type of training that does not fit into one of the three categories listed below, but you still believe that it should be acceptable for Sanitarian continuing education, please submit an "Individual Request For Continuing Education Credit Form" with all required information attached within 30 days of completing the activity.

Types of activities that are acceptable:

- (1) conferences;
- (2) home-study training modules (including professional journals requiring successful completion of a test document);
- (3) lectures;
- (4) panel discussions;
- (5) seminars;
- (6) accredited college or university courses;
- (7) video or film presentations with live instruction;
- (8) field demonstrations;
- (9) teleconferences; or
- (10) other activities approved by the department.

Each course must be related to one of the following fields: consumer health, environmental health or sanitation.

Please see our web site at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/plc/rs.htm> for more information; the Sponsor and Individual approval forms; and a list of currently approved courses. If you have questions about continuing education or the status of your renewal, you may contact the Sanitarian Registration Program staff by telephone at: 512-834-4517; by fax at: 512-834-6676; or by e-mail at: rs@tdh.state.tx.us.

*If you hold a registration as a Professional Sanitarian in Texas,
it is your responsibility to read and comply with the law and rules.*